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**Earthquake Measures 5.1 on Richter Scale**  
*LD271258 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic*  
 1200 GMT 27 Jan 87

[Text] A tremor measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale was recorded in the region of El Abadia, 30 kms southwest of Chelif. According to the Research and Earthquake Monitoring Center in Bouzareah, the main tremor, which occurred at 0011, was followed by a series of light tremors; the most recent of which was recorded this morning at 0730 hours. According to preliminary statistics issued by the rescue center in the commune of Al-Ourba, daira of Bordj Bounaama, Wilaya of Tissemsilt, this earthquake, which occurred in the regions of Mohammadia, Brahimia, (Tsoulte), and Safiet, killed a baby, injured 7 people and rendered 629 families homeless.

Immediately afterward, members of province coordination groups went to the damaged regions to supervise the aid operation for the victims, with the help of security authorities.

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**Al-Qadhdhafi Interviewed by Lebanese Magazine**  
*NC270916 Beirut AL-KIFAH AL-'ARABI in Arabic*  
 26 Jan 87 pp 14-16

[Interview with Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi by Walid al-Husayni, editor in chief of *Al-Kifah Al-'Arabi*, in the Gulf of Sidra; date not given]

[Text] [Al-Husayni] I am sure you have read the negative reactions in Lebanon to your attacks on the Shi'ites. As a national leader and one of the foremost advocates of Arab unity, and because you are the first of the few leaders in present times to call for Islam without sects, what are your motives for these attacks?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] In fact, my target was not the Shi'ites, whose struggle as part of the Lebanese people's struggle against the Israeli enemy I respect. My target was sectarianism. As a Muslim I do not believe in Sunnism, the Shi'ite, Druze, 'Alawite, or Isma'ili sect. I believe in Islam and consider sectarianism to be an emulation of Christianity. A genuine Muslim would not join any sect. There are several verses of the holy Koran that forbid this. Therefore, sectarianism is a deviation from the teachings of Islam. Sects do not exist in the principles of Islam. They are innovations, as proved by the fact they emerged and grew after the death of the prophet. For this reason our calendar dates from the death of the prophet, on the principle that the break in the link between heaven and earth made all innovations in Islam civil and secular issues. Since these sects appeared after the death of the prophet Muhammad, they are invalid. There must be a return to non-sectarian Islam, in order to unify Muslims. This is what we believe the course of Islam should be. I am against all sects, which is what I meant in my statement. Otherwise, why would I refer to the Shi'ites, given our close links with their spiritual leaders in Iran? I am against internecine fighting, which impeded

the struggle against the Israeli enemy. I am absolutely not against any organization just because it is Shi'ite. At one time, when fighting was continuing against the Israelis, I stood up before the masses and praised and applauded this organization. The question is clear to me. The current fighting must stop and unity between the Palestinians and southerners must be restored. Generally speaking — and let there be no misunderstanding about my position — from now on, I will have no relations with any group, whatever its slogans and claims, if its background is sectarian or dogmatic. I hoist the banner of Arab nationalism. Anyone who wants to fight on my side under this principle is welcome to do so. Those who do not want to are on the other side. For the sake of realism, my position on this issue must be clear, and must be decisively settled now. For this reason, from this moment on, I will not extend my hand to assist, talk, or waste my time with any organization that has sectarian or dogmatic foundations. If a Druze believes in Arab nationalism, he must join us under this principle. The same applies to any Sunnite, Shi'ite, Maronite, Orthodox, Catholic, or Armenian. I will have nothing to do with the parties or organizations of the sects. The young people of all sects and creeds should come under the banner of Arab nationalism, because the Arab nation is now in real danger.

[Al-Husayni] But you know sectarianism in Lebanon is at the root of the crisis and, consequently, at the root of a solution. How can we emerge from the civil war by ignoring sectarianism?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] I am fully aware what you say is one of the bitter facts of the Lebanese crisis. I understand Lebanon's current problems, which Jallud is trying to help resolve on behalf of Libya. Because sectarianism is the crisis and the solution, I have decided to dissociate myself from Lebanon.

[Al-Husayni] But the Lebanese crisis does not exist in isolation. Rather, it is one, albeit a major one, of the crises of the Arab homeland.

[Al-Qadhdhafi] It seems I must explain this so my decision not to interfere in Lebanon will not be interpreted as a relinquishment of a pan-Arab responsibility. I trust my brother President Hafiz al-Asad, who is dealing with the Lebanese problems. We will offer any assistance or contribution toward resolving the Lebanese crisis through Syria. When Syria asks for help regarding the Lebanese issue, we will not be found wanting. We will offer weapons and men and voice our political stand through Syria. My decision means from now on we will not be a party to the Lebanese crisis. We trust President al-Asad and his wisdom and concern about Arab nationalism, Arab unity, confrontation, and liberation. Therefore, as long as President al-Asad is dealing with the situation, I am confident

I would like to add our decision to remove ourselves from Lebanon is meant to preclude any depiction of our presence as a competition with Syria. Our presence could place us in a position which would permit certain parties to portray us as their ally, which we cannot allow. We are not competing with Syria. Our role in the Lebanese crisis is complementary to the Syrian role, backing our brothers, the Palestinians and Lebanese. We do not want to and cannot overstep the Syrian role in Lebanon. I have confidence, as I said, in Syria's stand, pan-Arab policies, and concern for the interests of all Lebanese.

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This is why I am standing back to allow Lebanon and the Lebanese crisis to be dealt with by my brother, President al-Asad. Libya remains willing to help the Lebanese and the Palestinians if asked to do so by Syria, through whom the assistance will be extended.

[Al-Husayni] Brother Mu'ammr, some remarks about Lebanese Christians have been attributed to you. Are they true?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Yes, they are. Arab Christians in Lebanon have been badly provoked by sectarians and irresponsible people. Religious extremism in the region has pushed some Christians to cross the red line and cooperate with the Israelis or the Americans, and sometimes with the French.

Provocation breeds fear, and fear may prompt the Christians to cooperate with the devil. Christians see the Israelis as the Great Satan, and this is sufficient reason for everyone to stop provoking them. Regrettably, they are now being more provoked than ever, by matters such as the call for an Islamic republic in Lebanon. How can such a call be made in a half-Christian country? This is irresponsible.

I support some of the organizations to whom this call is attributed, like Hizballah. I support Hizballah in its struggle against the Israeli enemy, but not in such calls. Hizballah and all parties and sects should abstain totally from doing anything to antagonize Arab Christians. The issue now is to call for martyrdom in south Lebanon to liberate it from the Israeli enemy, or in the land of Palestine. The struggle should be directed solely against the Israelis.

[Al-Husayni] How do you view the Gulf war, following the recent dramatic developments?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] This has turned into a crazy war with hysterical overtones. There are hysterical acts in which scores of civilians are killed on both sides. This is the point where reason is needed to stop this madness.

It is also a war with no clear purpose, as proven by the many years of fighting. It cannot be terminated militarily because of the equal strength of both sides. It also lacks strategic goals. The Arabs do not want to annex Iran, and the Persians do not seek to annex the Arabs. What are the objectives of this war? Neither Iran nor Iraq is occupied, so the Arabs and Persians are not trying to liberate territory.

Thus, the only declared goal of the war is for each side to try to topple the leaders of the other. Is this a good reason for hundreds of thousands to die? Are not the leaders in question human beings doomed to the ultimate human fate: Death? Why should we seek to force the hand of God in this matter and insist on this collective death in Iran and Iraq?

On this basis, Libya should work for reason and logic to control the fighting, which will never be decisive. The war has damaged Islamic ethics and reputation and the Arab image and values. Horrendous acts have been perpetrated in the course of this war, acts which have harmed us all before the world. From an Arab viewpoint, Iraq has done things that should have never been

recorded in history. From the Islamic viewpoint, both Iraq and Iran have written a black page in our history.

The relationship between Iran and Iraq must be governed by understanding and good-neighborliness. Violence should only be used against Zionism, the Americans, the French, and the British. In other words, violence should be used against the real colonialists who support the Zionist entity so together they can ruin our Arab homeland and Islamic nation. The Arab and Persian nations must be linked by brotherhood and good-neighborliness. Good-neighborliness should be the governing principle in [relations between] two neighboring nations. This is in contrast to the proposals put forward by certain people who call for good-neighborliness between one Arab people and another. There can be no good-neighborliness between two Arab peoples. They are one people, governed by the force of unity. But good-neighborliness should be the cornerstone of relations between the Persians and the Arabs, as two Islamic nations.

[Al-Husayni] Arab differences continue to grow, and efforts to mend them have completely run out of steam. Do you not believe the Arab situation requires you to embark on an initiative to minimize differences, having failed to reach a minimum agreement?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Actually, the Gulf war, more than other events, has motivated me to prepare a plan to confront the dangers that imperil the Arab homeland, since most of the attempts at agreement have utterly failed. There is a frenzied war in the Gulf, which is liable to spread. There is a civil war in Lebanon, leading to a proliferation of civil wars. The Palestinians are sharply divided among themselves and suffering from a difficult situation in Lebanon. The Americans, in cooperation with the British, attacked Libya from the north, with the support of NATO forces. Now, as you can see, the Americans and the French are attacking Libya from the south, through Chad. Zionism has occupied Palestine and vast Arab territories and continues to threaten Syria and Lebanon. Sudan is reconsidering its Arab and Islamic identity and personality. There are certain problems generated by radical movements [mashakil shu'ubiyah] in Algeria as well as in Mauritania. There are economic blockades and oil wars here and there. All these regrettable events have made me draw up a plan to unify ranks as soon as possible, to salvage the Arab nation from the dangers that beset it. Unless we salvage it, it will become like the Red Indian nation.

[Al-Husayni] It is well known you support unity of objective, and not unity of ranks.

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We are now facing a situation threatening us all with extinction. We must meet to confront all these dangers. All the Arabs must demand from Egypt it rid itself of Camp David. The Camp David accords were a severe blow to the Arabs. Egypt's role is extremely important, and all these dangers have arisen during its absence. Iraq and Iran must accept a cease-fire. We, as Arabs, must compensate both of them and dress their wounds. The Arabs must compensate Egypt and help its economy, and perhaps Iran might participate in this. Hence, I call for an Arab summit, to be attended by all the Arabs including Egypt, provided it divests itself of Camp David. The Palestinians must attend this summit, and I have no objection to the participation

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of Yasir 'Arafat and the PNSF in this conference, if they do not agree on a neutral personality like Khalid al-Fahum. All Palestinian organizations would be able to attend the summit as observers.

At this conference, I will propose a plan of Arab union. I previously proposed this plan to the Arab leaders. It seeks to establish a union for the entire Arab homeland. The presidency of this union will be assumed by Arab leaders on a rotational basis. It will include a cabinet and executive council made up of heads of government.

Apart from political unity, there would also be substantial economic unity — for example, an Arab industries establishment, a water authority, another for gas, a fourth for electricity, and a fifth for scientific research. Our target is to unify all Arab economic and scientific resources. This would complement the unified political action to be undertaken by the heads of government and ministers.

If we do not implement this plan, the Arab nation is doomed. I will send envoys to the Arab leaders in this regard.

**JANA Editor on Reagan Address to Congress**  
*LD250127 Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland*  
*in Arabic 0015 GMT 25 Jan 87*

[Text] Israel's mad dog, Reagan, said the great Jamahiriya is still threatening the security of the United States. This came in his address to Congress during the past 2 days. [as heard] JANA's international affairs editor commented on the boasts of the mad dog. He said:

Israel's mad dog's dream and ambition to see the great Jamahiriya and its master people surrender to him will never be fulfilled. He is a fool and naive, because he, and his administration and its symbols, know we are not afraid of them and we challenge them every day.

Jana's international affairs editor added: The threats of the mad dog and his administration did not and will never effect us. He has tried. It was proved to him by irrefutable evidence last 15 April, we are a steadfast people and our will is made of steel and not affected by his bombs, aircraft, or battleships with which he filled the Mediterranean, which he made into a forest of battleships to confront a small people. He thought our people are small in numbers, but found it strong in its will, steadfastness, and defiance to arrogance and hegemony.

**Criticizes Gulf War Remarks**

*LD251956 Tripoli JANA in English 1801 GMT 25 Jan 87*

[All quotation marks as received]

[Text] Tripoli, ay Anwar 25, *Jamahiriya News Agency* — The Israeli mad dog Reagan declared that the expansion of the Iran-Iraq [war] represents a fundamental threat to American strategic interests in the region.

He called on Iran to find a peaceful settlement. He said in a statement issued by the Dark House "We share our friends in the Gulf their concern over the possibility of the expansion of the war and the threat that would pose to their security. We consider any such expansion of the war as a threat to our interests and those of our friends in the area.

The political editor in JANA commented on this statement. He pointed out that this statement comes out of an agent and a businessman who contributed and is still contributing towards fuelling further the fire of war between Iraq and Iran. This vile agent pretends to forget that he is in the dock for his part in this war.

The political editor asked: Is he deceiving the whole world and because he is an arms dealer he looks at others as if all of them are like him — arms dealers? [sentence as received]

The editor said "O...arms dealer you let down your people as your talk became embarrassing and laughable and the credibility of your country is at all time low as a result of the blows dealt to your insolent face.

All the countries of the world know that you are an arms dealer and you have no right to speak on a subject for which you are in the dock as a criminal selling weapons and fuelling the fire of war further.

**Radio Bardai: Habre Troops in Zouar Destroyed**  
*LD251950 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1905 GMT 25 Jan 87*

[Text] Bardai, 25 Jan (JANA) — Radio Bardai has confirmed hiring Habre's forces, which are supported by the United States and France, and which tried to sneak into Zouar region, have been completely exterminated by the forces of the legitimate Chadian GUNT. [Transitional Government of National Unity]. The radio pointed out all the personnel of these forces have been exterminated, and the remainder who tried to escape have been taken prisoner. [sentence as received]

The radio confirmed the region of Tibesti, and the areas within that region, have become restricted areas for hiring Habre's forces, because these areas are under the control of the new GUNT, supported by the masses of the Chadian people.

## SUDAN

**Sudan Denies Airspace to U.S. Chad-Bound Planes**  
*JN251244 Khartoum SUNA in English 0915 GMT*  
*25 Jan 87*

[Text] Khartoum, Jan 25 (SUNA) — The Sudanese Government has refused to allow U.S. military planes to cross Sudan's airspace to Chad, a daily news paper *Al-Sudani* reported today.